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SUBJ: LABOR MINISTER ON TORRINGTON AND FIRESTONE CASES

REF: STATE 166764 AND PREVIOUS

1. TORRINGTON DISPUTE RAISED DURING JULY 24 MEETING BETWEEN MINISTER OF LABOR COSTA MARTINS AND LABATT. LABOR MINISTER INDICATED AWARENESS CONTENTS OF EMBASSY'S NOTE TO FOREIGN OFFICE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD SPEND CONSIDERABLE TIME ON PROBLEM AND THAT "MANAGEMENT NEEDED TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE." REMINDED THAT MANAGEMENT HAD ACCEPTED COMPROMISE SOLUTIONS PROPOSED BY LABOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL, HE REPEATED NEED FOR "FLEXIBILITY." HE NOTED THAT LABOR MINISTRY LACKED ABILITY TO FORCE SOLUTION ON WORKERS.

2. MINISTER STATED THAT MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY CURRENTLY MAKING STUDY OF TORRINGTON CASE AND THAT FURTHER ACTION BY GOP IS BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL STUDY COMPLETED.

3. MINISTER PARRIED MENTION OF FIRESTONE PROBLEM BY SAYING THAT NEW FOREIGN INVESTMENT CODE WILL BE ISSUED "IMMINENTLY" AND WILL CLARIFY SITUATION OF FOREIGN FIRMS. HE OFFERED TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH GROUP OF AMERICAN

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BUSINESSMEN (INCLUDING FIRESTONE) AFTER ISSUANCE OF CODE

TO DISCUSS AND CLARIFY PROBLEM AREAS. SAID THAT MEETING
PRIOR TO ISSUANCE OF CODE WOULD BE "WASTE OF TIME."
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